

District Minutes

September 6, 2008

DCM Laura L. opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

DCM Laura L, Treasurer Scott M, Secretary Carson W, Tues./Thurs. Harbor Springs GSR Jim H, Tues. East Jordan GSR Don M, Monday East Jordan GSR Pat M, Tues./Thurs. Harbor Springs Women's GSR Sarah G, Monday Night 6:30 B/B Study GSR Carol W, Harbor Hall Noon GSR Walter H, Boyne City BVAA GSR Wendy, Charlevoix Legacy GSR Dave, Living Sober Alt. GSR Kathy S, Literature Chair Simon C, Phone and PI/CPC Chair Sam S, and guests Lynne M and Jennifer M.

MINUTES:

Minutes from last month were approved with no discussion.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Scott M. gave the Treasurer's report and it was approved. Copies are on file with the Treasurer and Secretary and available upon request.

PHONE REPORT:

Sam S. reported all was quiet.

Lynne M. noted that she had inserted a copy of District 13 meetings in the U.P. in the directory which accompanies our Information Line. She also noted the importance of promptly notifying the person with the phone of ANY meeting changes.

Treasurer Scott M. noted that our phone bill included an added charge of \$5.00 for equipment insurance. It was decided to keep the ins. in the event our phone is lost or damaged.

Jim H. suggested it be announced at meetings that volunteers are needed to step up and answer the phone in one month intervals. It was generally accepted that those individuals have a minimum of 1 year sobriety and actively attend meetings. (Secretary's note: I've done this. It's simple! Carry the cell phone with you and have the meeting lists close by. You will be coached on protocol. It's really quite simple and rewarding!)

Sort of on the same page, Sam S. said he had just finished up-dating the call-list for the Saturday Morning Acceptance Group. He wondered it might not be a good idea to see if other groups would like to consolidate their list with the ranks of others within our district. It was suggested that, in that event, we revamp the layout to state:

First Name & Last Initial ... City of Residence ... Home Group ... Phone Number

Those entering information should always do so on a voluntary basis!

All the above was supported and passed (except my 'note', above).

PI/CPC REPORT:

Sam said that he was looking for volunteers to help replenish racks and seek out new places to distribute information about A.A. in the professional fields such as clergy, hospitals, schools, doctors, and jails. Both

Dave, GSR of the Charlevoix Legacy Group and Don, GSR from the Monday East Jordan Group stepped up to the plate. THANKS GUYS! Sam would like to have some more help here in the Petoskey area!

Report was accepted.

LITERATURE REPORT:

Simon stated he has put together 80 'NEWCOMER'S PACKAGES' @ \$1.00 ea. They are available at the noon Harbor Hall meetings; through Simon or anyone else you know who attends those meetings. Through course of discussion, it was noted the importance of maintaining accurate meeting schedules in those packages.

The report was approved.

INSTITUTIONS REPORT:

None.

WEBSITE REPORT:

Unavailable. However, Lynne M. mentioned she has an n A.A. friend who may be willing to help jazz-up our site with the assistance and approval of our webmaster, Scott. Sam S. moved to accept Lynn's investigation into the matter and report back in October with her findings.

Passed and Approved.

Grapevine Report:

Jim H. recommended that each group have its own Grapevine Representative. He said he has accumulated lots of information regarding this since his attendance at the last Area Assembly.

OLD BUSINESS

SPONSORSHIP SEMINAR:

Chairperson Jennifer M. said all went well. We had 55-60 attendees. Our speaker, Diz, was outstanding!

Financially, we came out a few dollars in the black. She said CD's are still available through Pierpont Productions, 347-4488, at \$10.00 for the morning session and \$10.00 for the afternoon session.

Laura L. further expounded upon Diz's other A.A. functions and told us about other dynamic speakers coming out of his corner of our fellowship. She suggested we be mindful of this resource!

AREA ASSEMBLY REPORT:

Walter thought I was giving it and I thought he was. ;) Oops! Together, with the support of Jim H. & Dave from Charlevoix, we talked about some of the classic examples of how our experience(s) have benefited our groups with the ideas, information and excitement we return with after listening to what others are doing in their districts and groups. It was pointed out that we (our groups and districts) are not alone. We may be but a branch of an awesome vine, but it takes all the branches to complete the whole. Dave pointed out that ANYONE can attend Area Assemblies. Carson noted the he had learned that when people are laughing and having fun, learning is easy. Walter noted that next month's Grapevine is about enjoying life outside A.A. while using our Principals, Steps, Traditions and Concepts. The vastness of our program, the professionalism, the break-out sessions at Forums, Assemblies and Conventions are all designed to help us deliver our Primary Purpose ... "to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic." YOU are invited to ride a rollercoaster which will change your life forever!

NEW BUSINESS

GRATITUDE DINNER:

Carol W. announced that the fliers and tickets are now available for the 2nd Annual Gratitude Dinner to be held the 1st of November at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Petoskey. Last year we had 160 in attendance. We have room for 200. We printed 300 tickets. Tickets are \$5.00 each through your GSR.

If you're interested in helping out on this BIG event, our next committee meeting will be Saturday, the 13th of September at the Presbyterian Church located at the corner of Division & E. Mitchell Streets at 12:10 (right after the 11:00 Acceptance Meeting). No, I did not make a mistake! That meeting has been moved for that date only from the Methodist church to the Presbyterian Church.

Chef Jeremy, from Stafford's, will again grace our tables with his fine cuisine. This year's entrée will be Italian (did I hear lasagna?). You are asked to please bring a salad, bread or desert to help complete the feast.

We are planning double food lines (inside information), raffle, guest speaker, Dennis, from the Detroit area, and a dance from 9:00-11:00. A couple 'surprises' may be in the works. Come and find out! See attachment.

Carol's report was approved and accepted.

MEETING TIME:

It was moved and approved, with healthy discussion that our district meeting time and place be at the **Methodist Church, 1804 E. Mitchell, the 1st Saturday of each month at 9:00 A.M.** Discussion centered around available times various GSRs could attend. It was noted that's why we have Alternate GSRs and proxies. The vote was taken in full affirmation of the motion with no descent cast.

ALTERNATE DCM:

DCM Laura L. opened the floor for nominations for a new Alternate DCM. None being heard, Laura nominated Sarah G. She stated Sarah's 7 weeks-shy tenure of the 'suggested' 2 year sobriety for this position of service. Laura further stated Sarah was her sponsee and that she had been Treasurer of her Group and has, for nearly a year, served as GSR for her home Group. No other nominations or discussion being heard, motion was made to accept. It was supported, seconded and passed unanimously. Congratulations Sarah!

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

A huge **THANK YOU!** to all who have given your time and love back to the gift you have received! Because of YOU, many have begun to be of value to others and the God of their understanding.

One last note:

Jack Murray, a member of our fellowship for the past 25 years just passed away. He did 'whatever it takes' for most of his adult life, sharing the gifts he received with rascals like me so that we could enjoy what he found in this (A.A.) gift from God. Please help us celebrate his season with us Sunday, Sept., 14, 1:00 P.M. in East Jordan. See attachment.